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Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
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Dear Congressman Pallone:

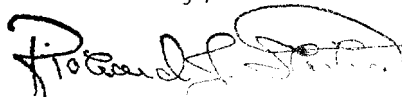
This is in reply to your letter of February 25, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Lou Fivemore
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Dear Mr. Fivemore:

On behalf of the concerns of many constituents from Monmouth and Middlesex Counties in the state of New Jersey, I am writing regarding the recent proposals to revise the PLMR service policies under PR Docket 90-235.

I have been informed by many disconcerted Radio Controlled miniature aircraft and boat advocates that rearranging the existing private land mobile frequency band plan would greatly reduce the amount of frequency channels available for their operation. Radio control users are concerned that of the 50 frequencies presently available for radio control, only 19 frequencies will remain if this proposal is adopted. Fear of congestion of the radio frequencies will reduce the assurance of safe operation for the controller, spectator and their models.

Another concern that the radio control users and I share is the increased safety risks involved with this proposal. By rearranging the present band plan, radio frequencies would be narrowed and placed closer to that of land mobile frequencies causing increased interference for the radio frequency users. I am concerned that an increase in interference will increase the risk of accident and attendant liability. These hobbyists often operate their models in the company of other operators as well as many spectators and must be able to guarantee a safe environment for all concerned.

I urge you to keep these serious concerns in mind when rendering any final decisions concerning these proposals. Please keep me informed of any new developments regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Frank Pallone Jr.
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